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SUBJECT: NICARAGUA: GON REVERSES NULLIFICATIONS OF SETTLED CLAIMS

REFS: A) MANAGUA 244, B) MANAGUA 228, C) MANAGUA 313, D)08 MANAGUA 830, E) 08 MANAGUA 724, F) 08 MANAGUA 564, G) 08 MANAGUA 1546

SUMMARY  
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[1](#)1. (SBU) During the March 26 Property Working Group meeting, Receba Zuniga, Coordinator of the Liaison Office for U.S. Citizen Claims, told us  
CNRC REVERSES NULLIFICATION OF SETTLED CLAIMS  
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[1](#)2. (SBU) On March 26, Econoff met with Ruth Zapata, Head of the Office of Assessment and Indemnification (OCI), Jeanette Garcia, President of  
FAVORABLE RESOLUTION OF A DECREE 38 CLAIM  
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[1](#)3. (SBU) Zuniga also reported that the GON favorably resolved a claim dismissed under Decree 38 (1979), which authorized the confiscation of f  
"RESOLUTION" OF CLAIMS THROUGH OFFICIAL PUBLICATION  
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[1](#)4. (SBU) Econoff raised concern about the GON's policy of depositing BPIs in escrow and publishing the "resolution" of claims belonging to 25  
EXPLAINING SETTLEMENT OFFERS  
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[1](#)5. (SBU) Econoff suggested that one way to advance claims is to  
explain to claimants how the government determined its final  
settlement offers (Ref G). Zapata agreed and designated Zuniga to  
meet with U.S. claimants to explain the GON's appraisal process and  
their final settlement offers. Econoff also pressed Zapata to help  
claimants gain access to cadastral tables in the Land Appraisal  
Registry to allow them to corroborate the government's final  
compensation offer.

COMMENT  
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[1](#)6. (SBU) As we enter the final stretch of the 2008-09 waiver year,  
GON officials claim that they are doing all that they can to advance  
Embassy registered claims to improve the GON's chance of receiving a  
Section 527 waiver. In the last two months, however, we have seen  
the GON nullify previously resolved claims and publish case  
resolutions in the Official Gazette that were not finalized with  
claimants. Despite the government's constant refrain regarding its  
commitment to work with us, GON cooperation on resolving claims  
remains inconsistent as we take a few small steps forward together  
only to have the government take a significant step backward.

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